

COUNTRY East Germany

Soviet Troop Trains

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DATE OF CONTENT 20 October to 1 November 1952

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REFERENCES

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1. The following troop trains [redacted] between 22 October and 1 November 1952. 25X1

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To	
22 October	10 boxcars and 30 flatcars	Dessau/Rossbau	Magdeburg-Brueckfeld	
23 "	27 boxcars and 23 flatcars	Bathenow	Altengrabow	
24 "	38 boxcars, 9 flatcars and 17 SSY-type flatcars	"	"	25X1
25 "	38 cars	Magdeburg-Brueckfeld	Gardelegen (4 cars); Stendal (4 cars); Schwerin (14 cars); Ludwigslust (16 cars)	
26 "	2 boxcars and 52 flatcars	Templin	Stendal-Ost	
27 "	undetermined	Cottbus railroad district	Magdeburg-Brueckfeld	
	5 converted boxcars and 23 flatcars	Altengrabow		
28 "	21 cars	Magdeburg-Brueckfeld	Schwerin (9); Ludwigslust (8); Gardelegen (4)	

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29 October	undetermined	Cottbus railroad district	Magdeburg Brueckfeld		
30 "	28 cars	Magdeburg-Brueckfeld	Quedlinburg (4) Schwerin (11) Ludwigslust (9) Stendal (4)		
1 November	6 converted boxcars, Altengrabow 1 boxcar and 30 flatcars	Altenburg		25X1	
2. Shipments of VPs dispatched to the Cottbus railroad district [redacted] [redacted] on 26 October included: 4 cars from Halberstadt, [redacted] [redacted] 4 cars from Stendal, [redacted] and an undetermined number of cars from the Schwerin railroad district, [redacted]				25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1	
3. The following shuttle-trains with soldiers were listed in railroad records between 20 and 25 October: Shuttle-train [redacted]. The train arrived at Weimar on 20 October and was distributed as follows: 8 cars to Naumburg; 5 cars to Halle; 5 cars to Jena; and 8 cars to Chrdruf. On 23 October, the train left Weimar with dischargees. [redacted] 25X1 Shuttle-train [redacted]. The train arrived at Weimar coming from Guben on 25 October and was distributed as follows: 6 converted boxcars to Naumburg; 4 converted boxcars to Halle; and 7 converted boxcars to Chrdruf. Shuttle-train [redacted]. The train left Weimar with dischargees on 20 October. Shuttle-train [redacted]. The train arrived at Weimar on 23 October and was distributed as follows: 8 converted boxcars to Naumburg; 5 converted boxcars to Halle; 5 converted boxcars to Jena; and 7 converted boxcars to Chrdruf. On 25 October, the train left Weimar with soldiers.					
1.	Comment. Another source stated that elements of the 36th Pen Bridge Regt of the GOC were unloaded at Magdeburg and marched to the Seeckt Kaserne on 21 October 1952. [redacted] The troop train [redacted] possibly carried the above elements, or source observed another shipment of the same regiment.				25X1 25X1
2.	Comment. Compare with identical reports by other sources. [redacted]				25X1
3.	Comment. The shuttle-trains [redacted] transported recruits to the posts of the Third Shock Army. It is noteworthy that Quedlinburg was also mentioned as a new post of this army. [redacted]				25X1 25X1
4.	Comment. Shuttle-train [redacted] was reported first on 27 October 1952; the train was observed last with dischargees en route from Jueterbog to Guben. [redacted] Shuttle-train [redacted] was also reported first leaving Weimar with dischargees on 23 October 1952. All other shuttle-trains were previously reported; some have been repeatedly observed.				25X1
5.	Comment. A component of the 38th (?) Army AT Arty Brig of the Eighth Cds Army was loaded at Altenburg on 27 October 1952. [redacted] The train movements mentioned in the present report clearly indicate that the above unit held firing practices at the Altengrabow troop training ground between 28 October and 1 November 1952.				25X1
6.	Comment. These cars probably carried small groups of VP who possibly came from the regular police and border police to be assigned to the KVP according to Government Decree No 14/52.				

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